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“Spring: the
music of open
windows. ”

— Terri Guillemets



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Chris Evans named Code Administration Plan Review Division Chief



The City of Alexandria Code Administration is pleased to announce Chris Evans as the new Plan Review Division Chief. Evans began working for the city in 2007 as an electrical inspector. With hard work and dedication, Evans eventually was promoted to Electrical and Fire Protection System Supervisor. Evans also was a temporary electric plan reviewer. "We look forward to great things in our Plan Review team under Chris's

leadership," said Gregg Fields, Code Administration Director. Prior to his work in Alexandria, Evans was a licensed electrician and attended high school and college in Stafford County. Evans serves as the Region 5 Secretary for the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association (VBCOA) and is certified by the International Code Council and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Congratulations, Chris!

Has Your Rental Home Been Inspected?



Did you know the City of Alexandria has a residential rental inspection program for rental housing? The program strives to achieve code compliance in/on residential rental properties that could result in a threat to the occupant's safety, threats to the structural integrity of the building, and negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Inspections are conducted by the Department of Code Administration's property maintenance inspectors. Inspections identify defects and violations of the Virginia Maintenance Code on the exterior areas and interior conditions of rental structures. The overall goal of the program is to ensure that housing providers and managers maintain rental units to the minimum standards of the Code as defined in the Virginia Maintenance Code. For more information about the program visit us at alexandriava.gov/Code or call us at 703.746.4200.

Building Safety Month Event

Join the City of Alexandria for the third annual Building Safety Month Kick-Off Event on May 6, on Market Square (301 King St.) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Building Safety Month celebrates the best practices that keep places where we live, work and play safe. This free event will include vendors from the local building community, exhibits from multiple City departments, food, and fun!

Special Projects Management Update

220 S. Union Street, The Indigo : Tower crane in place as “pile caps” atop auger cast piles are being poured. Reinforcement steel for the garage slab arrived at the beginning of March.

220 S. Union Street



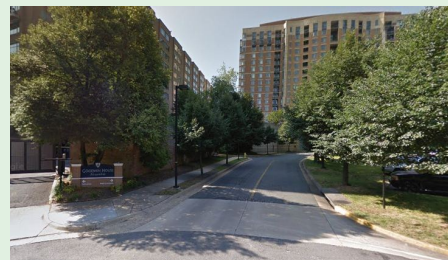
1225 First Street, The Dalton : Sheeting and shoring operations are underway for 14 stories - 270 apartments above 2 levels of underground parking.

1225 First Street



4800 Fillmore Avenue, Goodwin House : Sheeting and shoring underway for two levels of underground parking and five stories of residential.

4800 Fillmore Ave



750 Port Street, The Meridian : Interior apartments are having Concealment Inspections up through 19 of the 25 floors in the building. Final Inspections on lower floors expected in March. Requests for early occupancy are expected in April 2016.

750 Port Street



1199 S. Washington Street, The Thornton : Five stories - 439 wood framed apartments above two levels of underground parking. Demolition of current garden style apartments scheduled for April / June 2016.

1199 S. Washington Street



Code Inspectors Appreciation Day



On March 7, Code Administration presented our Field Inspectors with a surprise breakfast for their efforts in managing the City of Alexandria Code Enforcement. Inspectors rarely have time to participate in Departmental events because of doing Field Inspections. Each Inspector was presented with a City pen and admiration from their colleagues. We thank these individuals for their continued dedication to ensuring code compliance for the City of Alexandria.

Code Administration New Employee

Code Administration is happy to present a new team member. Irvin (“Irv”) Kerry is the department’s new Plumbing Inspector. Kerry has worked in code enforcement for more than 10 years. Kerry has several professional certifications, including: Building Inspector & Residential plumbing inspector. Welcome, Irv!

New Certifications Obtained by Code Employees

Chris Evans

- ◆ Fire Plans Examiner
- ◆ Fire Protection Plans Examiner

Raymond Dietzel

- ◆ ICC/AACE Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector
- ◆ Combination Building Plans Examiner

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- ◆ Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner

Adam Ward

- ◆ Residential Plumbing Inspector

Adrian Mirt

- ◆ Commercial Fire Alarm Plans Examiner

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- ◆ Residential Building Plans Examiner
- ◆ Combination Building Plans Examiner

Paul Sood Named to the 2016 NFPA Strategic Plan Group



Code Administration would like to recognize and congratulate Paul Sood, our electrical plans examiner, on his appointment to the newly created 2016 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Strategic Plan Group. The group was created to identify and prioritize issues and opportunities in code enforcement that lead to products and partnerships in support of more efficient and effective enforcement. Once assembled, this group will work collaboratively to articulate a charter/vision/mission, and work a framework for driving efficiency and effectiveness in code enforcement. The group will also work collaboratively to define the format, approach, and objectives of a larger enforcement conference to be held later in 2016. Congratulations, Paul!

CODE ADMINISTRATION THIRD QUARTER ACTIVITY REPORT FY16					
	This Quarter	Same Quarter Prev.Year	FYTD	Previous FYTD	% Change FYTD
Total # of Permits/Licenses Issued	999	815	8,445	8,331	1%
Total Fees Collected	\$295,748	\$386,147	3,067,550	5,373,982	-43%
Estimated Construction Cost	\$7,614,528	\$11,801,338	184,683,594	285,265,731	-35%
Total Revenue Received	\$192,817	\$414,084	2,676,160	5,297,991	-49%
ENGINEERING REVIEWS					
Take in Plan Reviews	301	352	3,189	2,594	23%
Walk-Thru Shops	445	358	3,391	3,441	-1%
One Stop Shops	26	8	180	206	-13%
Site Plans/MPA/BAR/BZA	33	10	195	179	9%
Fire Protection Systems	79	75	515	572	-10%
INSPECTIONS: NEW CONSTRUCTION					
Building	888	976	8,148	8,662	-6%
Certificate of Occupancy	78	235	879	1,900	-54%
Demolition	14	4	84	45	87%
Electrical	940	558	6,400	5,612	14%
Fire Protection Systems	305	366	2,114	2,452	-14%
Mechanical	368	381	3,227	3,955	-18%
Plumbing	327	303	2,748	2,929	-6%
Sign	21	11	125	106	18%
Stop Work Orders	1	6	29	46	-37%
Complaint Investigations	42	18	241	190	27%
INSPECTIONS: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE					
Pro-Active	303	271	3,090	3,119	-1%
Complaints	163	202	2,000	1,530	31%
Residential Rental Inspections	43	1	80	3	2567%
Violations Issued	55	59	981	1,483	-34%
Rodent Complaints	17	2	136	94	45%
Nuisance Abatement Hotline Calls	4	4	45	34	32%